

We really need to slow down and think this thru. Besides the RFI that has been documented by ARRL and others there is also a big privacy concerns. Once we have BPL going to every wall socket then it becomes very easy for smart appliances to report information back to a collection point. Example of such devices is TV, VCR, DVD, radios, alarm clocks, refrigerator, etc. They can reveal personal information such as what TV program we watch, what movies we watch, when we go to bed and wake up, and even what food(with RFID) we have in our refrigerators. I don't think this should be allowed until safeguards are in place to protect consumers from spy appliances.

With many other countries who have already tried and rejected BPL I don't see the rush to install a system which has been proven to cause major RFI across the HF and LVHF bands when the same service can be provide via cable, DSL, wireless ISP or at least as a last resort two-way satellite. Wouldn't be far better to force cable and telco to wire anyone that wants broadband instead of installing a system that causes RFI and invades the privacy of all Americans?

thank you
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